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AN UNPOLISHED GEM?

In some respects, yes.

Editorial pride leads us to believe that we have a pretty good product. This is neither a totally blind assumption nor a bold assertion. (A little old lady in Kansas once called it "nice.")

But in many ways, THE HALLMARK could stand improvement. First of all, we have gone back to 16 pages. This unforeseen reverse in editorial aspiration is predicated on two glaring realities: (1) there simply is not enough material and, (2) the deadline schedule has been shot to smithereens.

The latter reality is no one's fault. A sudden drain of office manpower (three to Asmara, one to the officer corps—you have the picture) and before you know it, it's March and the February copy isn't back from the printers yet. This problem is soluble—by June 1st, your June copy (only 16 pages, though) should be in your hands.

We will need a great deal of assistance in accomplishing this task. And that brings us back to problem number one: material, substance, text, nitty-gritty. Call it what you may, it all means the same.

There is a great deal of activity going on in this small, ASA world of ours. Some of it isn't worth repeating, (send it anyway, we'll get a kick out of it!). But there is much we would all appreciate hearing about. Only so much can be extracted from your unit paper. The rest must come from you.

In sports, win or lose, if the contest was a close one and there was an outstanding performance or two, write it up.

Tiddlywinks or trapshooting, if there is an interesting story and some good pictures of the action, we'll use it.

What are we interested in? Just about anything, ranging from reports on three-eared PFC drinking contests to stream of consciousness essays. And you don't have to be a professional writer.

Because of the nature of the command and our physical limitations, we can't promise to print everything we receive. Besides, that's not good journalism. At least give us the opportunity to select our material. Send us something and watch what happens. (To that little old lady in Kansas: Keep those cards and letters coming.)

— OUR COVER —

Specialist Four Robert E. Murray, staff artist, employed a sponge technique to achieve the cubistic effect that graces our cover this month.

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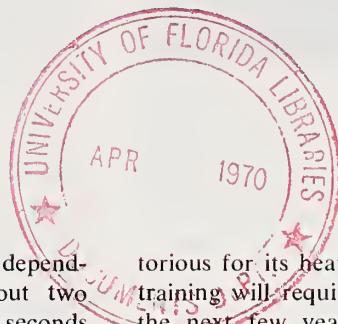
THE FLYING DUTCHMAN



The Flying Dutchman is a pirate ghost ship destined to roam the seas until judgment day.

Would you believe it's a weird dyke-builder with wooden shoes and wings?

How about a 20-foot, centerboard, sloop-rigged sailboat?



Sorry chief, number three is the most correct. And the interesting thing about it all is that Arthur F. Lange owns one. A civilian working for NSA at Ft. Meade, Md., Lange used to be a captain in the Army Security Agency and he's quite a guy. Listen to these statistics:

—Fifth place in the North American Championships;

—Fourth place in the United States Open Championship;

—Third place in the Canadian Open Championship.

There were over 50 boats at the race of the North Americans held last summer in Kingston, Ontario. When you consider that the 1968 Olympic representatives of both the United States and Canada were included, fifth place begins to sound even more impressive.

The above are just a few of the accomplishments CPT Lange has to his credit. Two years ago he had never won a big race but he has clearly established himself as a strong contender for the 1972 Olympics.

A typical championship race course

is about 10 miles long and, depending on the wind, takes about two hours to finish. With only seconds separating the first three or four boats, the race usually goes to the skipper who handles his boat best and makes the least mistakes in anticipating the wind shifts. Adjustments of sails for the immediate wind conditions, angle of the mast and other fine points of "tuning" the boat also play a part.

A major championship regatta usually consists of six or seven races, depending on the weather. A boat's final standing is determined by discarding the worst race and counting the rest on a low-point basis. After four races in the North Americans, CPT Lange was in eleventh place, but his finishes in the last two races (third and first) moved him up to fifth place.

The Flying Dutchman is considered to be the fastest one-mast, two-man centerboarder in existence. Since 1960 it has been one of the five Olympic yachting classes.

The sailing events of the 1972 games will be held in Kiel, Germany on the Baltic Sea. This area is no-

torious for its heavy winds, so proper training will require much effort over the next few years. Participation in regattas which can guarantee strong winds is a must.

Skipper Lange's (he separated from the service in early March) best performance was probably the last race of the North Americans last summer. After a good start, he accurately predicted the windshifts and was first around the course, leading Dr. Roger Green of Canada. Dr. Green was the fifth place finisher in the Olympics in Mexico last year.

"That was the race that made the summer," CPT Lange said. "Roger had beaten me out of first in three races already, and it's a pleasure to finally beat him."

Arthur F. Lange will have to work hard if he is to make one of the four or five teams the U.S. will send to Kiel in 1972.

He's optimistic about his future and so are his fellow "Dutchmen." They even made him editor of the TRAPEZE, the official publication of the International Flying Dutchman Class Association of the United States. Busy man. ■



Pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



"Now Colonel, don't bite the mirror." MG Robert Shira, Chief, Army Dental Corps, cautions COL Thomas Hooper, Arlington Hall post commander, at the inauguration of new dental equipment.

VIRGINIA

Arlington Hall Station—A ribbon-cutting ceremony at Arlington Hall's Dental Clinic officially unveiled a new look in dental equipment.

The new apparatus is mobile and more flexible than the old dental equipment. It is a streamlined, motorized couch which can be altered to its many varied positions by pressing a button.

Not only is it more comfortable for the patient, it also enables the dentist to sit while working.

TEXAS

San Angelo—Sergeant First Class Robert D. Reichert, Tri-Service Section Chief at the USASA TC&S Good-fellow Detachment, was recently selected as one of 10 base personnel to receive the Military-Citizenship Award. The award is presented annually by the San Angelo Board of City Development to those military personnel who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to the community. He is the only Army member ever selected for this recognition.

MASSACHUSETTS

Ft. Devens—The USASA Training Center and School Officer Class 0-7 is boasting they have the shortest and the tallest officers at Ft. Devens—if not the entire Army.

Second Lieutenant Lawrence J. Rytter, 5 feet 2, was unsuccessful in enlisting in the Air Force Officer Training School because of his height, or lack of it.

Second Lieutenant Dickson Gribble, 6 feet 8½, was told he was too tall for the Navy, Air Force and Army. Eight months after completing college, during which he was classified 4-F, 2LT Gribble received his greetings from his draft board. He was now 1-A and soon to be drafted. The board currently considers any height between 6 feet 8 and 6 feet 9 as the maximum of 6 feet 8. Later he went to OCS, but had to obtain a waiver for his height.



"I don't know if that's exactly fair," says 2LT Larry Rytter (left). "You're a foot and one half taller than I." At 6'8" 2LT Dickson Gribble seems like something out of Gulliver's Travels. LT Rytter fails to see the justice of it all. Both men gave one pint of blood to the post blood bank.



SSG Poland receives his diploma as "valedictorian" from MG Coates (left) at Fourth Army NCO Academy, Ft Hood, Texas.

TEXAS

Ft. Hood—The 311th ASA Battalion gained a top-notch NCO recently in the person of Staff Sergeant Kenneth R. Poland. He finished first in his class from the Fourth U.S. Army Non-commissioned Officer Academy at Ft. Hood, Tex. SSG Poland received his present rank at the ceremonies from MG Coates, 2d Armored Division commander.

This is not the first time Poland graduated first in his class. He came out on top when he graduated from Morse Intercept school at Ft. Devens and, if he holds to his present form, may be first again when he completes Infantry Officer Candidate School which he begins on June 1.

VIETNAM

Phu Bai—Last fall, Sergeant First Class Louis Hillard, manager of the 8th Radio Research Field Station's Officers' Club, placed a seemingly routine MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) call to his girl in Washington, D.C.

During the course of his conver-

sation, he proposed a nuptial tie. The next morning, SFC Hillard was approached by Chaplain (CPT) Phelps and congratulated on the engagement. "How did you know," the astounded Hillard asked?!

Chaplain Phelps was the MARS operator who patched the call through to D.C. Small world.



SFC Hillard poses with a photo of his bride-to-be, Miss Laura Tiller, after his long distance proposal was accepted. The wedding is set for May 17.

THE G.I. PARTY

Massachusetts—In May of 1939, the German war machine was building up steam for its devastation of Europe; the Italians were rattling war sabers at Ethiopia, and the legions of Emperor Hirohito were staking the banner of the "Rising Sun" on the face of Asia.

Amid the prospects of world conflict and the United States involvement in global war, a young American soldier stationed at Ft. Devens apparently thought it was time to turn his attention to God and his religion. This young trooper's religious zeal was surpassed only by the desire of the men of Company D for cleanliness and order in the barracks.

During a recent "G.I. Party" in barracks T-1638, the occupants discovered hidden in the rafters, Vol. LXXIV, No. 5, dated May 1939, of the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, a Catholic religious magazine.

The magazine was apparently placed on the rafter for safe-keeping, or from a surprise inspection.

This poses an interesting question. Would it be correct to assume that on that particular night the occupants of barracks T-1638 had conducted the best "G.I. Party" in 31 years?

(Reprinted from the Fort Devens Dispatch)



While Eve Bruce signs a picture for Air Force Sergeant William E. Hale (left), SP4 Bob Evans proudly displays his own reproduction of Miss Bruce's attributes. (Ed. note: Hospital doctors said the 'cheesecake' would not be fattening.) (USAF Photo)

TEXAS

Goodfellow AFB—While touring the 3545th USAF Hospital at Goodfellow AFB, starlet Eve Bruce autographed pinups of herself for the lucky pa-

tients. Among them was Specialist 4 Robert L. Evans of the ASA Detachment at Goodfellow.

Miss Bruce, whose most recent role was in "Cactus Flower," was at the base for the dedication of the new \$400,000 theater, the Chaparral.



Lieutenant Colonel J. Frank Wilson of U.S. Army Forces, Taiwan (USARFT) smiles happily as he puts a child of the Chung Hsing Orphanage into his new bed. The bed is one of ten donated by the USARFT and USASAFS, Taiwan.



ODCSPER



Announcing New Officer Undergraduate Degree Program—DA Circular 351-5, 2 December 1969, announces the new Officer Undergraduate Degree Program (OUDP) for career oriented officers who do not have a baccalaureate degree.

The objective of the OUDP is to permit officers who have displayed the potential, to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree and achieve the Army's minimum educational goal. Officers selected for the program will be on permanent change of station at an accredited college or university of their choice for the time required for degree completion. Degree completion must be attainable within two years or less. The degree pursued must be related to duties officers will normally perform in their particular branch. Attendance will be on a full time, uninterrupted basis.

Officers in the program will receive full pay, allowances, tuition support and, reimbursement to a maximum of \$100 per fiscal year for textbooks and supplies.

At time of entry into school, selected officers must be Regular Army or if voluntary indefinite, meet all prerequisites for an RA commission except educational requirements; have completed not less than two, nor more than seven years commissioned service; agree to accept obligated service of two years for each year of schooling, or fraction thereof. The total service obligation will not be less than three years. Officers requiring less than one year to complete the baccalaureate degree will continue to be considered for the Degree Completion Program under AR 621-5.

Officers may apply for the program by forwarding a letter to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: (appropriate career branch), indicating major fields of study and schools of interest to the applicant. Official copies of transcripts of high school and undergraduate courses should be inclosed.

Upon receipt of tentative selection notice from the career branch, officers should seek admission to the school in the field of study approved by the career branch and request the school to provide a statement of the time required for completion of the degree. The career branches will indicate a tentative starting date for schooling in their notices of selection. The admission notice and statement of time required to complete the degree should be sent to the officer's career branch for publication of orders and completion of contractual arrangements.



Ranger Training Now Mandatory for All New RA Arms Officers—DA has announced that all RA lieutenants commissioned in the *arms* branches after January 1, 1970 will be required to take Ranger training. Previously, newly commissioned RA officers in the Infantry, Field Artillery, Armor, Engineer and Signal branches had to attend the Ranger course. Now the requirement extends to Air Defense Artillery, *Military Intelligence* and Military Police as well.

The purpose is to insure that all new RA lieutenants in all the arms branches receive this valuable leadership training in order to enhance their professional military qualifications. Additional information about the Ranger course is in DA Pamphlet 350-10.



REFERRAL Program Established for Retiring Personnel—The Department of Defense recently established the REFERRAL program to help retiring military personnel seeking civilian employment. The program is a computer-assisted referral system which may be utilized by prospective retirees on a voluntary basis at or before retirement. Through this program retirees can register with a Department of Defense computer facility which will provide to employers resumes on those personnel whose qualifications match stated job requirements.

Initial retiree registration is anticipated for June 1970. The necessary registration and related forms, counseling and promotion material, and counselor training program will be provided by the Department of Defense.

For Army personnel, REFERRAL will operate within the organizational framework of the Army Retirement Service Program. Detailed instructions will be contained in a Department of the Army circular to be distributed in the near future.



USMAPS Available for Potential "West Pointers"—The United States Military Academy Preparatory School is located at Fort Belvoir, Va., 16 miles south of Washington, D.C. The purpose of the school is to prepare and train selected young men, who have either enlisted or been drafted, to

successfully compete for appointment to the United States Military Academy. The school year is approximately ten months in duration—August through May prior to entering West Point.

- To be eligible for consideration an applicant must be:
- A citizen of the United States.
 - Of good moral character.
 - At least 17 and not more than 22 years old on July 1, 1970.
 - Unmarried and not previously married.
 - A high school graduate.
 - In an active duty enlisted status prior to entry into the Preparatory School.

Application for USMAPS must follow the format prescribed in AR 350-55. The application, an indorsement by the Commanding Officer, a true copy of the last medical examination, and all secondary school transcripts (and college, if any) should be forwarded to Commandant, USMAPS, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

DD Form 1580 Can Save Air Travelers Money—Soldiers who plan to fly commercially while on leave or within seven days after discharge are reminded that it might be worth their while to obtain several copies of DD Form 1580, Military Authorization for Commercial Air Travel. These

forms are checked by many airlines to verify an individual's leave status and entitlement to discount rates (standby—50 per cent, military reserved—66 2/3 per cent). Generally, these forms are readily available from unit personnel offices.

Three Latest Vietnam Campaigns Listed—DA has announced the name and termination date of the ninth Vietnam campaign and designated two others. Those serving in Vietnam during the stated periods are entitled to credit for these campaigns:

9. Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI—2 Nov 68 through 22 Feb 69.
10. TET 69/Counteroffensive—23 Feb 69 through 8 Jun 69.
11. Unnamed Campaign—9 Jun 69—To be announced.

CDA

Comment On Field Manuals!—Got a complaint about a field manual or a suggestion to improve one? Combat Development Activity publications officers say "Tell us—please!"

Responsibility for writing numerous field manuals for CDA is spread among several activities with expertise in their respective subject areas. CDA is sometimes called the agency's "think factory," but the folks assigned there



admit they have no monopoly on brainpower.

All field manuals, prepared by the Army Security Agency, contain a paragraph telling users where to send recommended changes or comments to improve the manual. "The only problem," said one manual writer, "is getting users to submit their comments. User comments are given top consideration because a field manual's primary purpose is to serve the user in the field."

So, you field manual users, consider yourselves asked! The next time you find something in a field manual you feel is not quite right or could be improved, make a note and send the information to: USASA, ATTN: IACDA-D, Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Va. 22212.

A tip to help make your comments more valuable: be as specific and detailed as possible. Avoid generalized statements such as, "The manual is not effective" or, "The tactical doctrine should be clarified."

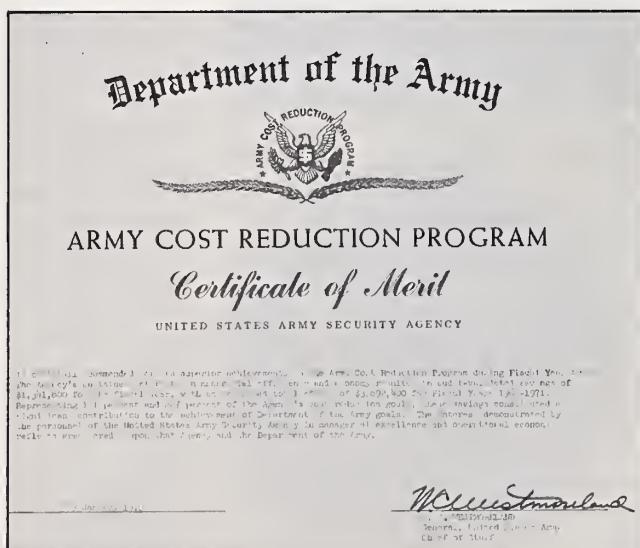
Field manual users like to hear good news too, but will gladly accept either and see that your comments get to the *responsible preparing activity*.

ODCSCOM



Cost Reduction Effort Wins Praise Again—For the second consecutive year the USASA has been commended for its superior achievements in the Army Cost Reduction Program. Signed by General William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, the Certificate

of Merit cites \$1.3 million in audit-validated savings for Fiscal Year 1969. Representing 131 per cent of cost reduction goals, this shows the interest Agency personnel have in managerial excellence and operational economy.



THE ADVENTURE



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"You're going where, sonny boy?"
"To Africa, mother, with ASA."

"The Army's in Africa? But that's
the end of the earth."

Yes, the Army is in Africa. On the western edge of sun-drenched Asmara, Ethiopia's second largest city and the provincial capital of Eritrea, is Kagnew Station, America's only African military installation south of the Sahara; and with the imminent departure of Wheelus Air Base in Libya, the only one on the African continent.

And Kagnew Station is not at the end of the earth, rather at the beginning of it. Dr. L. S. B. Leakey's (British archeologist) work in the Olduvai Gorge has established East Africa as the probable birthplace of that irascible creature, man. The Bushman roamed the mountainsides of Ethiopia thousands of years ago, just as the GI does today on his motorcycle.

Ethiopia, and particularly Eritrea, is a land rich in history. Following the bushman and the Stone Age came the migrations of the Sabaeans peoples from present-day Yemen, lending a distinct Arabic influence. In 200 A.D., one of the great civilizations of Africa arose—the Axumite kingdoms—becoming Christian in the third century,

and later disintegrating under the pressure of the Arabic assaults from the north.

The next significant invaders were the Italians who came in 1861. In 1896, they lost the Battle of Aduwa to the Ethiopians and won the distinction of being the only European nation defeated by an African one. After the battle, however, Eritrea was ceded to Italy by the Ethiopian Emperor, Menelik II, as a precaution against future assaults and possible loss of his country's independence.

For 60 years the Italians governed Eritrea, and Asmara grew under Italian control, accounting for the decidedly Mediterranean flavor of the city today.

The Italians were followed by the conquering British in 1941 who administered the area under United Nations auspices. In 1950, Eritrea joined Ethiopia once again. The influence of all these civilizations remain, however, in the blood and tongues of the people—it is not uncommon for an Eritrean with little formal schooling to speak five languages.

Kagnew Station was officially established in 1953, when the Army Security Agency took over a small Brit-

ish communications base. Today it has expanded to nine sites with additional Army and Navy strategic communications units, as well as a small Air Force weather detachment, that makes for a population of 3,500, including dependents.

But perhaps you are not interested in archeology, history and languages. Maybe you just want good, healthy fun. Well, Asmara is the right place.

Ethiopia promises 13 months of sunshine, (the country operates on the Julian calendar with twelve 30-day months and one 5-day month) and it's not an empty boast. The rains come mostly in July and August, but even during those months, only for several hours a day. What's more, the city sits on a 7600-foot plateau that provides pleasantly cool evenings and a yearly mean temperature of 62 degrees.

Sport is king in this ideal climate. The only concession to the weather is a second basketball season during the rainy weather. The station's excellent facilities include: a fine gymnasium; softball stadium; outdoor handball court; tennis courts; Olympic-size swimming pool; and, 10 bowling lanes. In addition, Asmara offers a golf course which features sand greens without the creeping-bent sand traps.

RESOME TOUR

By SP5 Bronson C. Davis
Editor, Kagnew Gazette

Photos by: SSG William H. Woodward
SSG Gerald E. Hardemon

Since the post is engaged in 11 sports, these facilities are fully utilized and competition is keen for the Commander's Trophy.

The station also participates in the 10-sport Mediterranean Sports Conference, comprised of personnel stationed at Air Force bases in the Mediterranean area. Thus soldiers with talent get opportunities to play on the athletic fields of Greece and Turkey. In 1969, Kagnew teams advanced to the Air Force European finals in basketball, wrestling, judo and track.

There are also many clubs devoted to the practice of some of the more esoteric sports. If you have your own athletic fantasy, you can generally find 10 others to share it with you, and form a club. Presently there are karate, boxing and judo clubs.

Recreational facilities are not confined to Asmara however, as Kagnew has two rest and relaxation centers off the mountain. To the west in the picturesque Moslem city of Keren, Kagnew Station rents a spacious Italian villa. The ride down is as beautiful as any you'll see and more than likely, you'll be sharing the road with camels which are the main beasts of burden for the area.

Keren is noted for its silver market and grotesquely beautiful baobab

trees. The silver market is Keren's center for tranquility and good food, though there are plenty of activities to keep the more energetic entertained.

Thirty-five air miles and 75 tortuous road miles off the other side of the mountain lies Massawa, Ethiopia's main port on the Red Sea and the entrance for most of Kagnew's supplies. The city which is actually three islands connected by causeways is one of the hottest places in the world during the summer, with temperatures climbing to 120 degrees during the day. The rest of the year is pleasantly warm, and the modern 32-room Red Sea Rest Center is a jumping-off point

Headquarters at Kagnew Station.

The Red Sea Rest Center at Massawa.

Father Bradley, the Catholic Chaplain, thanks the people for their help in building a school for the children of Eritrea.

The only road to Massawa; from the top of this photo to the bottom, the descent is more than 1,000 feet.

. . . And meet His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia.



for sun and water enthusiasts.

The center owns a J-Boat that can be chartered for deep-sea fishing and overnight trips out to the primitive Dahlak Islands. It also has speed boats for water skiing, and lends out equipment for skin diving.

Back on "the Hill," as Kagnewites call their plateau home, there are many offerings outside the realm of the athletic. Special Services has well-equipped auto, ceramic and wood-craft shops. And again, there are numerous clubs such as bridge, square dancing, flying, horseback riding, as well as two thespian groups that have been averaging one live production a month, and the Kagnew Chorale which generally gives a concert every season.

If it's self-improvement you want, the Kagnew Education Center is one of the most active in the world. It offers study groups to help soldiers complete high school; an extensive number of US Armed Forces Institute courses; specialized non-credit course in subjects like speed reading and data processing; and, the University of Maryland Extension, which averages six to ten courses in each of its five eight-week semesters during the year.

Perhaps you are more of the passive type, a television fan. Kagnew can satisfy you with the Army's oldest TV station and, AM and FM radio, the first for hard rock fans and the second for easy listeners.

And, if you happen to be a family man, the station has comfortable quarters, a dependent school that offers kindergarten through accredited senior high school classes and a private nursery school. In addition, Asmara is a city of the five-cent bus ride. It's not only possible to live nicely, but also to save coins.

Finally in this list of superlatives is an indefinable contributing spirit. It no doubt stems from the high percentage of participation in command and community affairs. One example will do: the Army Security Agency Benefit Association. Kagnew Station set the record in 1968 for a single ASA post with a contribution of \$4,200. In 1969 it jumped this figure to \$6,300.

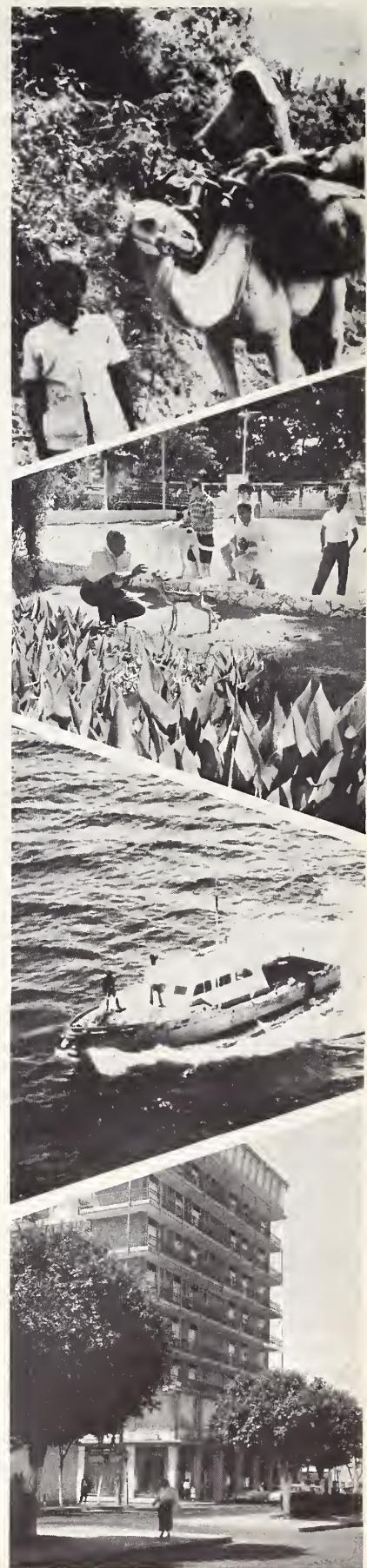
Yes, the Army is in Africa. But it's the *beginning* of the earth, and one of the most enjoyable and interesting tours in ASA.

Travel by camel is common.

Visitors at the Kagnew Station Rest Center at Keren find enjoyment in feeding a baby Thompson Gazelle.

Boating on the Red Sea.

A modern street scene in Asmara.





HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

LEGION OF MERIT

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Eugene G. Cramer, John A. Mittino, Marion E. White.
MAJOR: John F. O'Brien, Cloyd H. Pfister.
CAPTAIN: Jerry C. Campbell.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER: 3 George A. Gregory.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Darrell F. Devine.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Ray O. Embree Jr., Bryan F. Stewart.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

MAJOR: James P. Mergler.
CAPTAIN: James M. Murphy, Ronald E. Schmidt.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Fletcher Parrish.
FIRST SERGEANT: John P. Ozzello.
MASTER SERGEANT: James Smith.
STAFF SERGEANT: Edwin Lawall, Arvid Peterson.
SERGEANT: Robert L. Benne, Roy H. Whiteman.
SPECIALIST 5: William MacFarland, Michael G. Standeford.
SPECIALIST 4: Frank Whaley.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Donald J. Conway, John H. Cottney.
MAJOR: Charles R. Ginn, Israel E. Height.
CAPTAIN: James M. Babich, Leo M. Melanson, Terry H. Miller, Peter B. Zuyus.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: David D. Failacci, John E. Ryan.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Roy M. Johnson, Nelson E. McKinley.
WARRANT OFFICER: Vincent J. Durante, Fred L. Harmer Jr.
MASTER SERGEANT: Eugene E. Booth, Melvin W. Chamberlain, Lebonion Chestnut, Gordon D. Coffing, James E. Mitchell, James P. Roach, Lyle O. Turner.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Leonard K. Disney, Wayne W. Frutiger, Benjamin Fuellas, Charles F. Yanconish.

STAFF SERGEANT: James E. Pierce Jr.

SPECIALIST 6: Robert D. Gyger, Daniel R. Mechelke, Basil H. Schultz.

AIR MEDAL

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Jimmie Johnson (17-41).
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Leonard Gearan (22-56), Fletcher Parrish (7-36).
SPECIALIST 5: Paul Struxness (2-6).
SPECIALIST 4: Kenneth Perales (2-11).

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

MAJOR: David R. Cumber (2), Alwin Sprehe (1).
CAPTAIN: Rafael Cortes-Dapena, Nathaniel S. Davidson, James L. Gideon, John C. Hampton, David A. Vore.
FIRST LIEUTENANT: Forrest H. Allison II (1), Don C. Fancher, Ivan M. Helfand, Truman F. Martin, Hugh E. Naylor III, Beauford W. Tuton III, Craig B. Wheeler, William D. Yarborough.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Vernon W. Barnes (1).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Charles W. Cox, Arbie V. McInnis, Loren A. Peterson.

FIRST SERGEANT: Emil E. Ball.

MASTER SERGEANT: Donald L. Allen, John Herrold Jr.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Gary E. Bartholomew, John F. Buck (1), Bernard S. Carter, Thomas J. Casteel, Richard B. Conway (1), Herbert J. Gatons, Roy N. Graves, John R. Hancock (1), James R. Hannah, Wade E. Heilman, Neil P. Johnson, Lila I. Kellgren (1), Robert Lamont Jr., David G. L'Etoile, Francis E. Lucas, Max J. Severt (1), James E. Smith, Henry D. Stallings Jr., E. J. Stokes.
STAFF SERGEANT: James C.

Adamany, James L. Andrews, Horace Bell, Charles R. Caruso, Robert A. Christy, Willard R. Cox Jr., William S. Edwards, Nelson T. Hart, Raymond E. Lightner, Donald G. Melrose, Davis R. Page, Thomas J. Robinson Jr., Gary L. Sensenig (1), Elbert L. Walters, Hilario O. Zamirripa.

SPECIALIST 6: James E. Abernathy, William B. Adams Jr., Robert E. Bahmer, Lonnie Brown, Kenneth M. Gates, (1), John E. Graham, Requa D. Hawkins, Leroy R. Miller Jr., John Strickland, Pasquale Vitale, Robert W. Watson.

SERGEANT: George D. Miller, Paul D. Sherwood, Sherwood E. Zimmerman.

SPECIALIST 5: Louis R. Berner Jr., Russell L. Chitwood, Thomas E. Ellis, Louis B. Gonzales, Paul C. Cushard, Paul D. Hill, Edward Horvat, Randal S. Huckins, Wallace T. Murai, William L. Paysen, James T. Pro, Jimmie A. Reeves (posthumously), Randolph R. Reichert, Marshall R. Salt, Stephen M. Savitt, James L. Smith, Wayne L. Solomon (1), Arnold Y. Takeda, William E. Weingarten, Thomas J. Wells.

SPECIALIST 4: George R. Belanger, Gerald J. Damond, Gerald N. Dorst, Nelson R. Gomm, Jesse Guajardo, Henry N. Kammer, Jon R. Sloan, Paul V. Stiver, James C. Tucker, Daniel Yocom.

AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

STAFF SERGEANT: Jesse K. Coultrap, Horace W. Leland III.

PROMOTIONS

TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Charles A. Alston.

TO E-9: Richard A. Fuller.

TO E-8: Perry E. Atherton.

RETIREMENT

MASTER SERGEANT: John A. Foster.



SKIING

California—Ski enthusiasts at Two Rock Ranch journeyed to Lake Tahoe in early January for the first TRR Ski Week.

Taking full advantage of three-day trick breaks, the 165 Two Rockers descended in caravans to the north shore of the lake to enjoy free food and accommodations.

From their rented chalets (paid by the unit), the skiers were only 30 minutes from some of the best ski slopes in the country: Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadow.

The company leasing the plush lodges also provided 30 snowmobiles, free-of-cost, to the Two Rock group.

The trick schedules were arranged so that each trick would break during the eight-day period.



Due to the great success of this first ski week, plans are now being made for a similar event to be held at the Russian River resort area, only an hour's drive from the field station.

BASKETBALL

Asmara, Ethiopia—The Kagnew Station Gazelles took the Mediterranean Basketball Tournament Championship in six games.

The Gazelles polished off Sinop 99-93, Diyarbekir 86-70, Ankara 95-88 and Incirklik, 107-100. In the fifth game, the Kagnew squad lost to Incirklik 106-102.

Since it was a double elimination tourney, the two teams faced off for the third time. This time Kagnew emerged victorious 102-90, after being down at the half 46-44. Cleve Merriweather was high man with 32 points.

As the Med champions, the Gazelles moved on to Rhein-Main, Germany, for the USAF-Europe tournament. After winning their first game, the Med champs lost the next two and were forced to return home. Last year they took third in the tournament.

Seoul, Korea—The 177th ASA Operations Company remained true to form by taking top honors and the 23d Direct Support Group Commander's Trophy for the second half of 1969.

This team reigns as the acknowledged "king" of the Camp Humphreys sports world. During last Christmas' double elimination basketball tourney, the ASA squad outlasted a field of 17 teams, winning the final contest 57-52.

Agency squads have won every major athletic contest at Camp Humphreys during the past season.

Arizona—The ASA basketball squad at Ft. Huachuca is currently third in the eastern division of the post's two leagues with an 11-3 record.

The big factor about the agency team's success is Specialist 4 Sam E. Coates. Coates has led in individual scoring honors for most of the sea-

son. His current pace, a blistering 29.6 points per game, is tops for the 19-team conference.

BOXING

Udorn, Thailand—Specialist 5 Zeddie Adams', 7th Radio Research Field Station, long and hard months of bitter individual training really paid off when he captured the 139-pound Boxing Championship and the title of Outstanding Sportsman of the All-Thailand Boxing Tournament.

Held at Camp Friendship, Korat, on January 7-8, the tournament had Adams scheduled in the 147-pound division. He moved down a weight class when he found himself lighter than expected. Adams was the only Ramasun Station boxer to compete in the contest.

JOGGING?

Philippine Islands—The ASA Comm Unit, PI, marked up another first on Clark Air Base recently as Sergeant Paul Kasteler received the first One Hundred Mile Run award ever given to an Army man. In an awards presentation at the base gym, SGT Kasteler received his certificate from AF COL Foulk.

SGT Kasteler accomplished the feat by running five miles, three or four times a week. He has intentions of becoming the first man ever to run 500 miles prior to his DROS from the PI in June.

RIFLES & PISTOLS

Massachusetts—The Ft. Devens Annual Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship Matches were held in January with lots of snow and sub-freezing temperatures on the ranges.

The ASA teams scored well in the events, winning 13 individual and two team awards. Specialist 7 Ivan Moore took top honors in the "old shooter" class. He scored firsts in the 200- and 300-yard rapid-fire events and a second place in the 600-yard event.



SQUARE DANCING

Germany—The Bad Aibling Ratskeller was the scene of a unique ceremony in early February when 10 persons were graduated from a series of 18 square dance lessons.

Each graduate was presented with a diploma and a membership in the European Association of American Square Dance Clubs.

Six couples from the Aibling Allemanders Club then traveled to Heidelberg to participate in the annual Castle Dance on Valentines Day. A Wine Stompers Badge was awarded to each couple who danced on the castle's 21,000-liter wine barrel.



For the story on this delightful craft, see page three.



ZOT AWARD

Every institution, big or small, has its own set of routine procedures, checks and SOPs, just to keep things moving freely.

So it is with the military. At USASA Field Station Herzo, a small but nevertheless military installation, there are routine steps and procedures that are followed. Take the following for instance.

Each Friday at noon (that's easy enough to remember), it is the duty of the MP at Gate No. 2, in front of the operations building, to remember one thing: stop what you're doing and check the fire whistle with a 30-second sustained blast.

This procedure has been going on for some time now. Whenever someone hears this shrill alarm, whether listening for it or not, little heed is paid. It is Friday and it's noon, and that whistle is *supposed* to blow.

On January 2, a Friday, Specialist Four James McMahon was on duty at Gate No. 2. Since he's not yet a sergeant, Jim forgot his whistle stop.

However, on Saturday January 3, he remembered. At precisely noon, and joyous over the recovery of his memory, Jim blew the siren for a full 30 seconds.

Having rectified his mistake, the young MP sat back . . . and watched the Herzo Base Volunteer Firemen blaze a trail to the Ops building.

SP4 McMahon blew the whistle on the firefighters. But who blew the whistle on McMahon? Whoever he was, he helped earn him this month's ZOT AWARD!

THE KAGNEW CAT-MAN

Asmara, Ethiopia—Captain Ned G. Cross, the post adjutant at Kagnew Station, had a run-in with a cat last month. He admits defeat.

It happened at midnight on Monday, February 23d. All was quiet in the Cross household until the feline fell down the chimney.

"I heard a lot of noise in the house, so I got up," CPT Cross said sleepily.

"There were soot trails in the hall and there, sitting on the window ledge, was this soot-covered cat, which I thought was our Vanessa."

The unsuspecting adjutant reached out for 'Vanessa' and promptly got chewed on the finger. The intruder then scrambled back up the chimney without so much as a finger aside its nose.

Grasping his dined-upon digit, CPT

Cross, now fully awake, decided he was not about to take such a chewing-out from someone else's cat. He climbed up on the roof and stealthily approached the chimney.

Tom, Dick or maybe Hugo jumped out, raced to the edge of the roof and leaped the 25 feet to the ground.

Befuddled, CPT Cross watched in resignation.

"He sailed off into the horizon, I guess. Then the hospital rabies board condemned me and I had to start taking rabies shots."

While displaying his abdominal needlepoint, CPT Cross made it clear that he had no hard feelings against the unidentified flying cat.

Hard feelings? Maybe not. But after 14 painful shots, the cat-chasing adjutant looked like he was 'feline cross.'

What is a hero? What does he look like? Are you a hero? Interesting questions. Here is another: How many potential heroes are there among us, lacking only the chance to prove themselves?

Unfortunately, it is impossible to provide the answers to these and many other questions we may ask. To do so would be to categorize and characterize an individual who, by his very nature, refuses to be so treated.

Being in the right place, at the right time, and then having those indefinable characteristics, makes a hero out of the common mortal.

Without all three of these active ingredients there can be no heroism. Destiny must cross his path of life before he can respond. Here are the stories of modern-day heroes—common, ordinary, average people. Except for one fateful moment, they are just like you.

*"Heroism feels and never
reasons and therefore
is always right."*
—Emerson—

Asmara, Ethiopia—Until December 27, 1969, Specialist 4 Charles O. Moulton was just a communications specialist. He had been at Kagnew Station for two years and with his training and experience, the 22-year-old Moulton appeared quite average; there apparently was nothing extraordinary about him. But then it happened . . .

While enjoying a day by the shore of the Red Sea at Massawa, Charles Moulton spontaneously reacted to a new stimulus. Four members of an Ethiopian family were being swept out to sea. Without a moment's hesitation, Moulton entered the water and made his way across the coral reef to the drowning family.

Ignoring his painful coral lacerations, which were further irritated by the salty water, Moulton carried the family members—one at a time—to an area where they could safely return to the shore. He then gave first aid to the mother, who had suffered severe coral cuts during the ordeal.

Washington, D.C.—Private First Class Deborah Ruth Sperry is a third-year student nurse at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the daughter of Sergeant First Class Harvey L. Sperry of the language branch at the ASA School, Ft. Devens.

She is a pretty girl, an active teenager and will be commissioned as an Army nurse in about a year. But that's not what makes her different . . .

During her work at the hospital in December, she came to know a soldier who had lost his leg in Vietnam.

While his family came to visit, Deborah took his five-year-old brother for a walk along the Potomac River in Washington.

Playing a game of hide and seek with the youngster, she turned and was immediately aware that the boy had disappeared. Suddenly, she caught a glimpse of a dark shadow being swept away under the icy water. Immediately, Debbie took off her coat and shoes and jumped in. In a few minutes she had the boy out of the cold water; he was turning blue, but still breathing. Several days later both had recovered from the experience.

Now, she's a heroine . . . first class.

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Ft. Devens, Mass.—Communications Technician One Ronald A. Robinson, a Navy man, heard a door bang loudly. Startled, he looked up just in time to see Specialist 5 Con Westover's screwdriver fall to the floor.

Westover, a maintenance man in Division of the Training Center and School, had been repairing a piece of faulty radio equipment. Now he was lying on the floor, unconscious.

When CT1 Robinson called for help, Staff Sergeant James G. Vones rushed to assist the fallen Westover. In the meantime, Robinson turned off the power in the area.

The victim's breathing was very labored; then it stopped altogether. Vones applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to restart the life process. Robinson covered the patient with field jackets and elevated his head.

When the ambulance arrived, SP5 Westover was breathing freely. Two new "heroes" had given him another chance to live.

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Six lives were saved. Four people stepped out of the ranks to stand just a little taller than the average.

Destiny crossed their paths, and they responded . . . heroically.

Anatomy of a Hero

As I See It

By William C. Dials
Command
Sergeant Major



During a recent visit to Europe I attended the graduation exercises of class 70-8 at the Seventh Army Non-commissioned Officers' Academy. I was a very proud member of the audience inasmuch as the distinguished graduate and two of the three honor graduates were members of the Army Security Agency.

An even prouder spectator was the young wife of Specialist 4 Patrick McNaughton, who witnessed her husband's commander, Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Alderman Jr., promote him to Specialist 5 as a reward for being selected as the distinguished graduate.

Wearing the ASA patch were honor graduates Staff Sergeant Robert D. Goddard, who finished second in the class standing, and Specialist 4 George S. Hermann, who finished fourth.

Specialist 4 McNaughton and SSG Goddard are members of Company A, Field Station Rothwesten. Specialist Hermann traveled from Asmara to Bad Aibling to attend the course.

The graduating class consisted of 119 personnel. To make the Army Security Agency look even better, graduating in sixth, eighth and ninth places were Specialists 5 Alvin P. Boullion of Headquarters and Service Company, USASAE; Specialist 5 Jeffrey L. Elder and Specialist 6 Keith B. Oliver of Field Station, Bad Aibling.

I later learned that SP4 McNaughton was successfully primed for attendance at the Academy by Staff Sergeant Robert C. Van Kirk, who had been previously selected as the distinguished graduate from a former class at the Academy.

Although I cannot accurately describe the way I felt during the gradu-

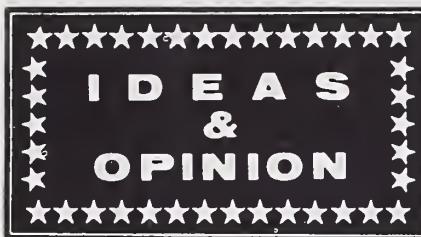
ation exercise, I know it added to my personal belief that there are none finer than the soldiers who make up the Army Security Agency.

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

by SP5 George Glover

The following appeared as an Editorial in the 507th USASA Group publication, the 507th FLAK PROFILE.

The Honorable Stanley Resor, Secretary of the Army, made a plea last year for more significant recognition within the military community of the "Black is Beautiful" concept. He explained that the movement is a healthy one for the Army; that it is a natural outgrowth of the black man's quest for personal pride; and that it was to be understood and encouraged, not merely tolerated. His words were received



with different emotions by different people; they caused whispered fears by some, awakened hidden compassion in others, and brought cries of jubilation from still others. Somehow, though, the words seemed to pass unnoticed by many—perhaps even by most of us.

I am white; therefore I am not qualified to analyze, criticize, or fully comprehend—on a personal basis—the words "Black is Beautiful." However, I am also an American, therefore I have the freedom, indeed the responsibility, to attempt to educate myself (and others, if it is in my power to do so), to the idea that my way of life, my standards of beauty, my manner of dress, and even my dialect of the English language may not be right or acceptable to all citizens of our great nation.

In every situation where two different doctrines conflict there seems to be a point, beyond which, neither side can reason without emotion. The emotions that most often rule are those of mistrust, disbelief and fear. Though some people feel that our civilization must wait, wait, wait for the "water to wear away the stone," I have more

faith in human nature. I think this problem can be helped and possibly solved, by individual and collective EDUCATION with an eye toward mutual understanding. Maybe then we can: replace mutual resentment with mutual respect; replace fear-motivated criticism with constructive suggestion; and prevent the increasing polarization which threatens us now.

To those of you who are tuning-up to refute what I have proposed, let me ask a few questions.

Did you know that the Queen of Sheba, whose name has been synonymous with beauty for 3000 years, was black?

Are you aware that Hannibal, whose military strategy is studied and praised today, 2200 years after his death, was black?

How many black men have won the Nobel Peace Prize in the last 20 years? Three. Ralph Bunch in 1950, Albert John Luthuli in 1960, and Martin Luther King in 1967.

Can you name the first man to give his life in our Revolutionary War? Crispus Attucks, an ex-slave. (5000 black soldiers served in the Continental Army which won our freedom from England.)

Can you tell me who played a major part in laying out the city of Washington, D.C.? A black scientist and mathematician named Benjamin Banneker. He was requested to help in this monumental task by George Washington.

When someone close to you needs blood because of an operation or an accident, do you realize that the first Blood Bank was started by a black man? Charles Richard Drew established a central blood depository in 1941. His idea saved many American lives in WW II. Perhaps you wouldn't be surprised to learn that the first heart surgery was performed by a black doctor, Daniel Hale Williams.

This is by no means a complete list of the accomplishments of our black brothers. I point out these historical facts only to remind us that all segments of our society have made great contributions to the advancement of our civilization.

When we realize this, we can better understand the feeling of pride that is expressed by these three words, "Black is Beautiful." ■

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